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Miss Anna Banks
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30 Mar 63

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CC26

I had no idea of allowing a
week to elapse clear of you with-
out acquainting you of my
arrival - and at the same time
excusing myself for my seeming
neglect in failing to comply with
a promise made when we parted
nearly two years ago. It was
for my want of inclination
to do so - but I was so very
unsuccessful in my attempts
in writing and hearing from
Mount Vernon - that I had
but little encouragement to
write, and no hope of receiving
an answer. I sent you
little gifts and letters to your
grandma - which brought an
early acknowledgment, with

many questions about the
loved ones at "The Cottage",
indeed several letters passed
between us - for it gave me
as much pleasure to give,
as she to receive the informat-
ion - Oh! How what a
time we had in reaching
this "Snake City" - we were
seven weeks on the way -
three days prisoners of war -
one hundred miles of our
journey accomplished by -
primitive conveyance (an old
fashioned country wagon,
- drawn by four horses) and
over the most terrible roads
you can (not) imagine - over
rcks through creeks - indeed
at times the water would
be over the wheels of our
wagon - I can ^{not} tell you what

we suffered - I wish I could
give you the particulars - I am
sure you would be interested
- but I have so many
debts - yet to cancel - and
am still so fatigued - but
I hope to see you before I
return - to "Dixie" - for I have
much to say that I cannot
write - I scarcely think
in form an apology for a
letter - deserves an answer -
but I should like very
much to hear from you
often - With very love &
sympathy - to you Ma
and hoping that you are
both well and as happy
as circumstances will permit

I remain

Yours truly

Minna

Phila March 30th 1863.